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George Umberger House
Gas House Pike, Frederick
Private

1870's

The George Umberger House, a frame two and a half story ell shaped Carpenter Gothic residence faces northeast from the north side of Gas House Pike. The principal facade is three bays wide. A wooden panelled door with single light transom occupies the second bay. The remaining bays are occupied by 2/2 original windows. A Victorian Gothic window is located in the center gable. The window is framed by curvilinear vergeboards.

A two bay wide entrance porch extends across the facade. The porch is supported by six turned columns with decorative brackets. Slatted railing frames the porch between the turned columns. A dentil cornice lies beneath the standing seam tin roof which covers the porch, and covers the entire novelty sided structure.

The George Umberger House was built in all probability by the Cartzendaffer Brothers, Joseph and Edward, who purchased the property from William D. Bowers in 1866.¹ William D. Bowers, a prominent citizen of the Frederick area, was the co-founder of the William Bowers Lumber Company, a family owned business in operation today. The house is significant as the site of a merchant mill from before 1858 to the early twentieth century and as a fine example of the Carpenter Gothic style structure.

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber J.W.L.C. 4; Folio 207.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC George Umberger House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Gas House Pike

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

M 67 P 6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME E. L. Umberger

Telephone #: 663-4061

STREET & NUMBER

Gas House Pike

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 406

Folio #: 560

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The George Umberger House is a frame two and one-half story ell shaped Carpenter Gothic residence which faces northeast from the north side of Gas House Pike.

The principal facade of the building is three bays wide. The main entrance, a wooden panelled door with single light transom, is located in the second bay.

Occupying the remaining two bays on the facade are 2/2 original windows. Wooden louvered shutters similar to the ones on the east side of the house are now missing from the facade windows. A Victorian Gothic window is located in the center gable.

A two bay wide entrance porch extends across the facade. The porch is supported by six turned columns with decorative brackets. A dentil cornice lies below the original standing seam tin roof. Slatted railing frames the porch between the turned columns.

The entire structure rests on a raised, stone rubble foundation. The structure is covered with a standing seam tin roof. Below the roof is a boxed cornice with return. Curvilinear vergeboards frame the center gable. Three original brick chimneys rise from the north, and south gable ends, and from the center of the two story original rear addition. German novelty siding covers the structure.

To the rear of the structure is a brick outbuilding with standing seam tin roof. A 2/2 original window occupies the first bay of the structure. The remaining bay contains a plain wooden door without hardware.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The George Umberger House, a frame ell shaped Carpenter Gothic residence, was built in the late 1870's. The land on which the house sits was part of the mill site or tract which housed several mills along the point where Carroll Creek meets the Monocacy River. In 1893 the property was bought by Samuel Reifsnider from Florence H. Mealey.¹ The deed description described the tract as the "mill property known as Carroll Creek Mills."² In 1913 when the property was next sold, it was described as the Reifsnider Mill tract.³ A merchant mill existed on this tract of land as early as 1858. At this time the property was owned by William D. Bowers and wife.

William Bowers was a prominent member of the Frederick community. Born in 1828, he was the co-founder of the William D. Bowers Lumber Company in 1868 with his father-in-law, Joseph Routzahn.⁴ The Bowers Lumber Company, still a family owned business is one of the most prominent Frederick lumber establishments.

The George Umberger House was built in all probability by the Cartzendaffer Brothers, Joseph and Edward, who bought the property from William Bowers in 1866 and retained it until 1877.⁵ The tract of land on which the house sits has significant relationships to the Frederick County area. The site of a merchant mill from 1858 until the early part of the twentieth century, the tract and home are historically significant to the Gas House Pike area. Architecturally the structure is a fine example of a Carpenter Gothic residence interpreted in frame with decorative carpentry work.

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber J.L.J. 5; Folio 180.

²Ibid.

³Frederick County Land Records, Liber H.W.B. 304; Folio 95

⁴T.J.C. Williams, History of Frederick County Maryland, (1910; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1967), Vol. II, p. 1110.

⁵Frederick County Land Records, Liber J.W.L.C. 4; Folio 207.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1967), Vol. II, p. 1110.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 119.25

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

clh

Deborah Sheetenhelm, Intern

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation7/27/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

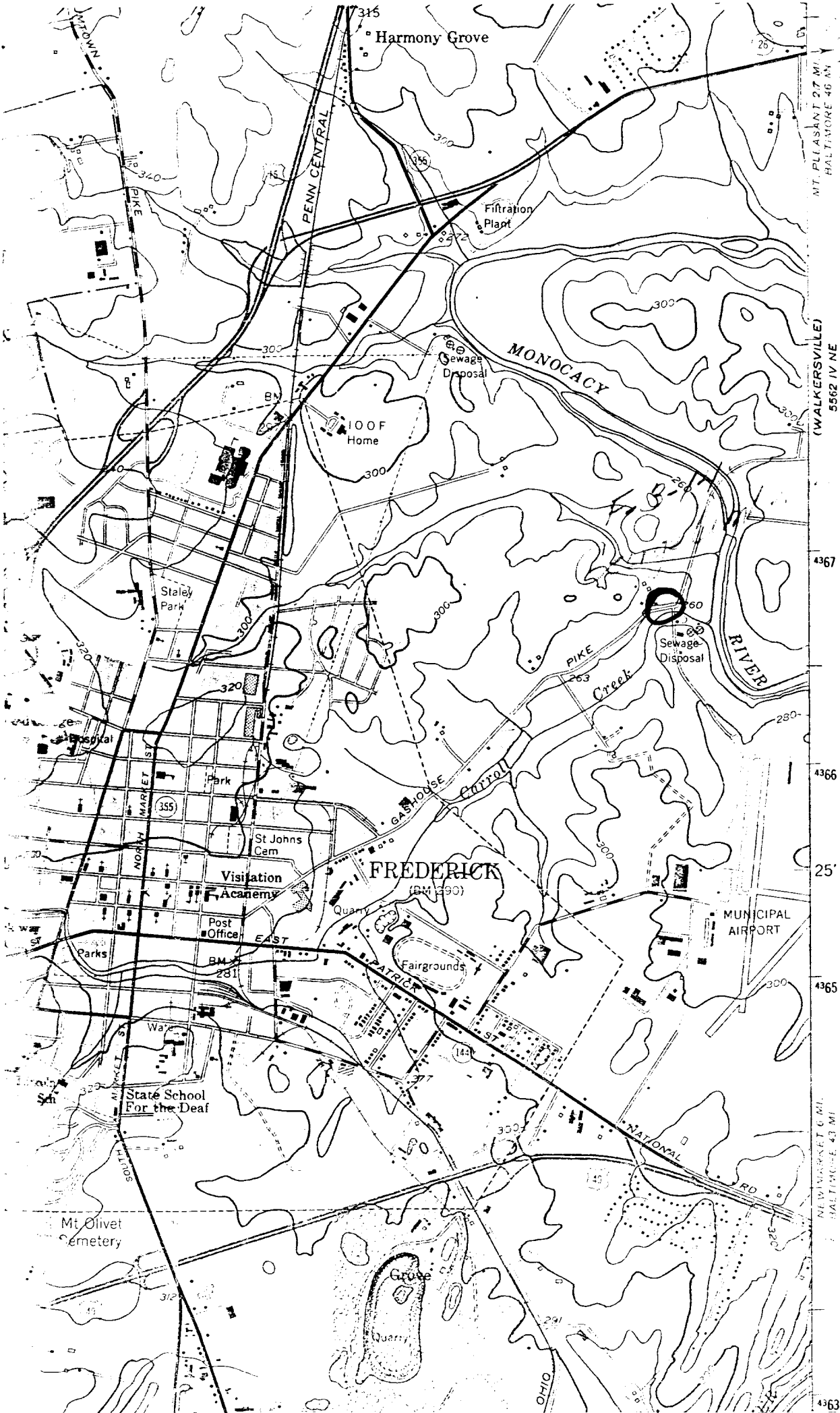
STATE

FrederickMaryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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MT. PLEASANT 27 MI.
BALTIMORE 46 MI.

(WALKERSVILLE)
5562 IV NE

4367

4366

25'

4365

NEW MARKET 6 MI.
BALTIMORE 43 MI.

4363



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George Umberger
Hse.

northeast elevation

DES 6/15/79

n/s Gasthouse Pike



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George Umberger
Horse

northeast elevation

DES 6/15/79

n/s Das Horse
Pike